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NEWCASTLE, ENGL., October 17.—At a meeting of the Conservative Club to-day Mr. Balfour was welcomed with enthusiasm by 4,000 persons. Resolutions were adopted praising his course. Mr. Balfour, in his speech, made a general statement of his Irish policy. He said that the condition of the country was improving, its prosperity increasing, and its respect for law widening, though the opposition has been unable to disguise the satisfaction with which they regarded anything approaching failure of the action of the Government.

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At the banquet in the evening, which was attended by a thousand persons, Mr. Balfour defended himself against the charge of his not consulting the Parliament on the subject of remedial legislation on the ground that the bulk of that party were the nominees for the House of Commons, but were opposed to any beneficial measure, only desiring that Irish discontent should continue as fuel for their agitation.

Mr. Balfour said he had listened for a decade to the pointless scurrility which the Parliament had poured out in the House upon the occupants of the Treasury bench. It was true that sometimes this was relieved by bursts of eloquent invective or powerful denunciations, but he had never heard anything approaching a suggestion dealing with real difficulties, such as the population question in the west of Ireland. So long as was the governing principle in Irish politics, it would be criminal for English statesmen to make the Parliament the arbiters of the English policy towards Ireland.

THE IRISH ARCHBISHOPS.  
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LONDON, October 17.—The Star, Mr. Thomas Power O'Connor's paper, says it is alleged in clerical circles that the summoning to Rome of the four archbishops in Ireland is a mere formality, necessary to the fulfillment of their duty in every five years. Ireland, however, says the Star, does not regard their going as an innocent and harmless affair. The archbishops are summoned to take with them their senior suffragan bishops. This indicates the Pope's desire to assemble at the Vatican a council of the Irish Catholic Church, and that an important move is pending and becomes more significant when it is known that Bishop Dwyer, of Limerick, will be at the Vatican before his colleagues arrive there.

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She Claims to Have Been Abducted by a Peacock in the Palace of Versailles.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, October 17.—The strange story of Miss Thornton, sixteen years old, the bright, comely daughter of Mr. Thomas R. Thornton, of Franklin, N. Y., returned to her home late on Wednesday afternoon after a mysterious absence of three days. The girl left her home on Sunday afternoon to visit friends in Lyndhurst, just across the Passaic river, and was expected to return on Monday, but did not. On Tuesday morning Mr. Thornton went to Lyndhurst to ascertain the cause of his daughter's prolonged absence. He found the girl there, and she told him that she had been abducted by a peacock in the Palace of Versailles. She claimed to have been taken to a room in the palace, where she was kept for three days. She was then taken to a room in the palace, where she was kept for three days. She was then taken to a room in the palace, where she was kept for three days.

THE PORTS AND THE PATRIARCHATE.  
(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
CONSTANTINOPLE, October 17.—The Porte has sent a conciliatory reply to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Greek Church in response to the encyclical issued by that body granting recognition of the demands made by the Church and rejecting others. Diplomats consider that the reply will form the basis of a compromise if the Patriarchate is equally desirous of the Porte of ending the dispute.

Crispien on a String.  
(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
PARIS, October 17.—The *Steele* says it will if necessary publish details proving that Signor Crispien, the Italian Prime Minister, recently indirectly offered to give France full liberty of action in Tunis if she would abandon her interests in Tripoli.

Our Beautiful Tariff Law.  
(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)  
LONDON, October 17.—Mr. Mundella, M. P., in a speech at Sheffield to-day, said he believed the United States tariff law would disappoint its framers and prove oppressive to American consumers, especially farmers. Austria, Germany, Belgium, and France, he said,

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

REPORTS FROM ALL GREAT BUSINESS CENTRES OF THE WORLD.

Prices for Money, Bonds, Stocks, Grain, Tobacco, Cotton, &amp;c., and in Connection Therewith the Weather Indications.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, October 17.—Forecast for Virginia: Fair weather, westerly winds, slightly warmer. North Carolina: Fair weather; stationary temperature, except slightly warmer on the coast; westerly winds.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and cool.  
Range of Thermometer at the front door of the Dispatch Office yesterday:  
6 A. M., 52; 9 A. M., 58; 12 M., 62; 3 P. M., 65; 6 P. M., 68; 9 P. M., 65; 11 P. M., 62; Minimum, 58.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.  
New York, October 17.—The stock market to-day was moderately active, as usual, but the tone displayed was in marked contrast to that of the past two months, being decidedly strong and at times buoyant, with a conspicuous lack of pressure to sell, and it became evident before the close of the day that liquidation has been changed from the long to short account.

THE OPENING QUOTE BEING STRONG.  
The heavy market of active stocks was excellent, having the appearance of being for insiders, while Boston took its favorites liberally, and London, which had been in the lead for some time, turned buyer later in the day. The news of the day, especially that from the North-west, was favorable.

THE CLOSE ACTIVE AND STRONG.  
The close was active and strong at about the best figures of the day. Sales, 264,000 shares. The market was strong and active, with a conspicuous lack of pressure to sell, and it became evident before the close of the day that liquidation has been changed from the long to short account.

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